A LETTER

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To the Right Honourable;

WILLIAM LENTHAL Esq;

Speaker of the *Parliament* of the Commonwealth of *England*;

Concerning the Securing of *Windsor* Castle for the *Parliament*

And a *Declaration* of the Officers and Souldiers of the Regiment of Foot belonging to the Tower of *London*, December 24. 1659.

Read in Parliament, December *the* 28. 1659.

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A Letter, ſent to the Right Honourable *William Lenthal*, Eſq, Speaker of the Parliament of the Common-Wealth of *England*; Concerning the ſecuring of *Windſor* Caſtle for the *Parliament*.

Read in Parliament, Decemb. 28.

Right Honourable,

YOur *Commiſsioners for the Command of the Army, having from* Portſmouth *Ordered us to march unto Major* Breman *with ſuch Forces as we could raiſe, for the reſtoring the Parliament*

whilest we were at Henley, and had sent to find out Major Breman that we might adde to his number what we could; upon Intelligence that the Forces with him were marched towards London, we resolved to march nearer London, in order to a conjunction with him as soon as we had particular Notice of the place of his Rendezvouz nearer London: and in our march being informed from undoubted hands, that some of Colonel Hewson's Regiment of Foot were designed for Windsor-Castle, to keep the same against the Parliament; and being also assured, That Colonel Whichcott the present Governour, had not onely joyned with those that put the late Rebellious Force upon your Honour, but also had endeavoured to raise Forces in this County against the Parliament, and offered Commissions to that purpose unto several Persons: And upon further Intelligence, that the Cavaleers had some Design upon the place, in order to a Conjunction with some of their Adherents in London, and knowing their Guards to be very Weak and insufficient for a place of so great Consequence, we thought it our Duty, in order to the Parliaments Service, to secure this Castle with the Forces now with us, and did Summon the same accordingly: and as we were upon our March thither within two miles of this Place, we received further Orders from the said Commissioners, to march with our Forces unto this Place, and to remain here untill further Orders: and looking upon this as an Act of Divine Providence concurring with our Intentions, we immediately sent two of our number to perswade Colonel Whichcott to admit our Horse into this Castle; who submitted to our demand; and thereupon we thought necessary to draw together the Souldiers under his Command whilest our Horse were in the Castle, and to inform them of the vilenesse of their defection from the Parliament, and assisting those that had betrayed the Trust reposed in them, and

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that we hoped they had done it through Ignorance, being miſ-led by their Officers; and therefore we preſumed to aſſure all the Souldiers of Indempnity, if they ſhould return to their due Obedience to Your Honours, and their faithfulneſſe to the Cauſe engaged in, and ſhould ſign the Engagement of thoſe Horſe under Major Breman *(which we read unto them); and thereupon they unanimouſly declared, That their Hands and Hearts ſhould be unto that* Engagement. *Yet we have thought it our Duty to place Guards in the Caſtle with ſome of the Horſe with us, and to give an Account of what we have done, to your Honour, and to expect the Parliaments Pleaſure therein; we have no more but our moſt humble Congratulation of the Parliaments happy Return to the Exerciſe of their Truſt, and with our hearty Prayers to God to direct your Great Councells, We remain,*

Right Honourable,

Windſor-Caſtle, 27. Decemb. 1659.

Your moſt humble faithful and obedient Servants,

Jo. Butler.
Rob. Huntington,
Joh. Wildman.
John Brown.
John Phelps.

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A Declaration of the Officers and Souldiers of the Regiment of Foot belonging to the Tower of London, Decemb. the 24. 1659.

WEE being fully convinced, that it is our Duties to return to our obedience to the Parliament, from whom We have received our Commissions, after a late unhappy defection from Them; Doe hereby Declare our Resolution (through Gods Grace) to be true and faithfull to Them as our Superiours; and to stand by Them, with the hazard of our Lives and Fortunes, against all opposition which may be made against Them; and shall not suffer our Selves to be drawn hereafter from our Duty and obedience to Them. As an Evidence

dence of our reall Intentions, We have this Day delivered up the Poſſeſſion of the Tower, to the Honourable Speaker of Parliament, and other Worthy Perſons on the behalf of the *Parliament*.

Jo. Miller	*Robert Acres*	*Henry Beale*
Nich. Cordy	*Will. Riſe*	*Nath. London*
John Jennings	*William Starlin,*	*Will. Hankins*
Henry Sharp	*Phil. Brown*	*John Ryves*
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Read in Parliament, Decemb. 28. 1659.

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